

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Number : 10/713,008 Confirmation No. 5744
Applicants : Masaaki IKEDA, *et al.*
Filed : November 17, 2003
Title : METHODS FOR PROLIFERATING TERMINAL
DIFFERENTIATED CELLS AND RECOMBINANT VECTORS
THEREFOR
TC/Art Unit : 1636
Examiner: : Fereydoun G. SAJJADI, Ph.D.
Docket No. : 64517.000002
Customer No. : 21967

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME, REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Sir:

The following remarks are submitted pursuant to, and concurrently with, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and are responsive to the Final Office Action mailed July 9, 2008 ("Office Action") and the Advisory Action mailed February 9, 2009 ("Advisory Action"), in the above-identified application.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully petition for a three month extension of time within which to submit a response, thereby extending the period within which to file a response up to and including June 9, 2009. A Notice of Appeal was previously filed on January 9, 2009. Accordingly, this submission is responsive within the paid-for extensions of time.

Please charge **Deposit Account No. 50-0206** in the amount of \$1920.00 to cover the RCE fee (\$810) and three month extension of time fee (\$1110). It is believed that no other fees are required for entry of this response, or to keep the application pending, but should any fees be necessary, the USPTO is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.